Kent-374; Union M.E. Church Coleman's Corner Rd. Near Stillpond Coleman's Corner, MD

1876, 1878

This small white weatherboard church stands 15' from the east side of Coleman's Corner Road. It is one of the oldest black Methodist churches in northeast Kent County. It was founded in 1878. This church was formed by ex-slaves and freedmen shortly after the Civil War. Methodisim has always had a strong hold on this region of Maryland. Bishop Frances Asbury visited this area in 1773. Union M.E. Church is the black split from the Still Pond M.E. Church.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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| STREET & NUMBER | Coleman's Corner Ro | 4 . | | |
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| | BEING CONSIDERED | YES: UNRESTRICTEDNO | INDUSTRIALMILITARY | TRANSPORTATIO |
| OWNER OF | PROPERTY | | | |
| NAME Rev. Cordella Brown | | Telephone #: 348-5832 | | |
| STREET & NUMBER | R1, Box 111 | | | |
| CITY, TOWN Wor | ton _ | VICINITY OF | STATE , Z | ip code 21678 |
| LOCATION | OF LEGAL DESCR | IPTION | Liber #: SB 2 | |
| COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, | ETC. Kent Co. Court | House | Folio #: 270 | |
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CONDITION

_EXCELLENT

XGOOD

_FAIR

__RUINS

__DETERIORATED

__UNEXPOSED

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_UNALTERED

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X_ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED

DATE_1878

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small white Weatherboard church stands 15 from the east side of Coleman's Corner Rd. it faces west. The simple gable-ended building (east-west) measures 26' across the front and is 32' in depth. The building has been altered over the years. At present it has double 2panel wooden doors. There are 2 (4') lancet windows 2-over-2 colored-glass windows (blue) in the front facade at either side of the door. There are 3 (5') lancet windows 2-over-2 colored-glass windows (blue) on the north side of the building and 3 identical windows on the south side of the building. The Church has a composite shingle roof.

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| PREHISTORIC | _ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | COMMUNITY PLANNING | _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | RELIGION |
| _1400-1499 | _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | CONSERVATION | _LAW | SCIENCE |
| _1500-1599 | AGRICULTURE | ECONOMICS | LITERATURE | SCULPTURE |
| _1600-1699 | ARCHITECTURE | EDUCATION | MILITARY | _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| _1700-1799 | ART | ENGINEERING | MUSIC | THEATER |
| X 1800-1899 | COMMERCE | _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | PHILOSOPHY | _TRANSPORTATION |
| _1900- | COMMUNICATIONS | _INDUSTRY | POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | _OTHER (SPECIFY) |

SPECIFIC DATES 1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Union M.E. Church is one of the oldest black methodist churches in northeastern Kent County. This church was formed by freedmen and ex-slaves shortly after the Civil War. Methodisim has always had a strong hold on the people in this region of Maryland. Bishop Francis Asbury visited this area in 1773 and the Methodist Churches in Galena and Still Pond date from this era. Union M.E. Church is the black split from the white dominated Still Pond Church.

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| 10 | GEOGRAPHICAL DATA | | |
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| _ | ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American | DATE | |
| _ | STREET & NUMBER | TELEPHONE | |

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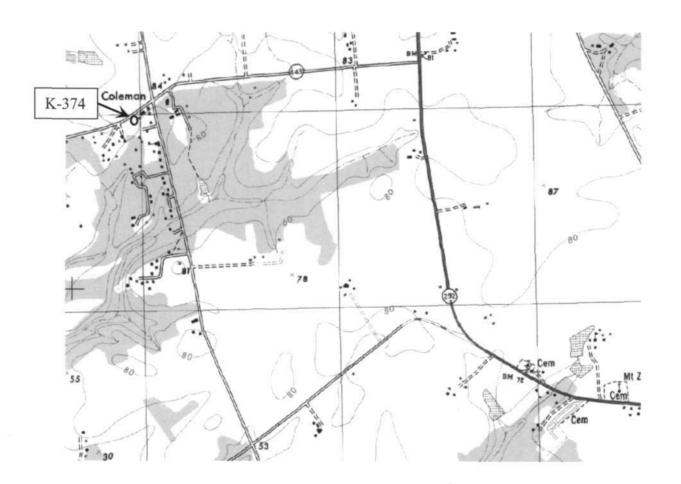
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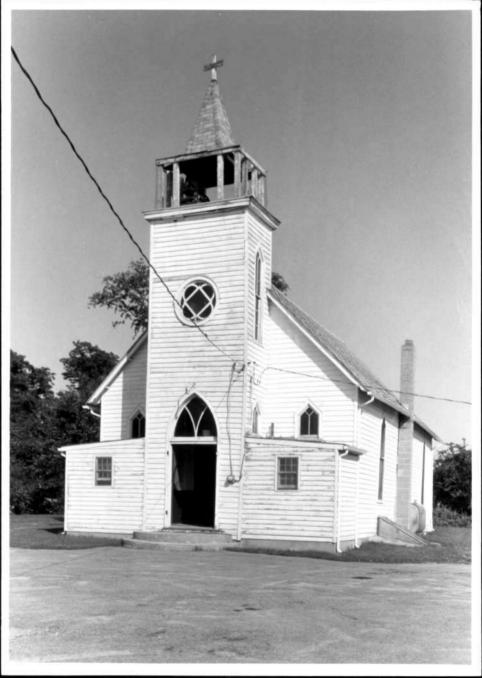




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